# EXHIBIT 1

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#### 1 A They're allowing it.

2 Q They're allowing it. Okay. Anything else? Anything else?

#### 3 A No.

4 Q Okay. On page 29 of Exhibit 1, Paragraph 223, Paragraph 223,

5 can you read that to yourself.

#### 6 A It hasn't come up yet.

7 MR. McFARLANE: Oh, my apologies. I forgot I have 8 to share.

#### 9 THE WITNESS: You said 223?

10 MR. LEGGHIO: Yes.

#### 11 THE WITNESS: Okay.

12 Q (BY MR. LEGGHIO) Now, I'm going to read part of that 13 paragraph into the record, and ask you a question.

14 You say, Defendants committed per se wrongful acts 15 and/or lawful acts with malice without justification for the 16 purpose of invading the business relationship, your business

17 relationship.

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Now, do you have any facts to support a claim that the Union or the Union Officers that you've sued have acted with malice in the handling of this matter for you, any facts at all that they acted with malice.

22 MR. SANDERS: Objection, form. You can answer.

THE WITNESS: The fact that they said they don't

#### 24 represent me.

25 Q (BY MR. LEGGHIO) Okay. Anything else?

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Officers. Do you have any facts to support your claim that

2 the Union and the Union Officers conspired to engage in a

3 civil conspiracy against you? Any facts at all that support

4 a claim that the Union and the City were conspiring against

5 you'

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### 6 A The City couldn't be allowed to do what they've done without 7 the Union allowing it.

8 Q Okay. Well, that's an assumption, that's not a fact.

MR. SANDERS: Object to form.

10 Q (BY MR. LEGGHIO) Just tell me what -- if you're --

11 MR. SANDERS: That is an assumption; that's

12 argumentative.

13 Q (BY MR. LEGGHIO) If you're drawing a conclusion, Mr.

14 Ferguson, that's fine, but I want to know if you have any

15 facts to support your claim that they engaged in a

16 conspiracy?

17 A I'm not privy to documentation or specific conversations that

18 may go back and forth between the City and the Union, but the

19 City can't do what the Union doesn't allow them to do. So if

20 there's a policy that's been implemented, or something that's

21 been breached, it's because the Union hasn't, you know,

22 hasn't stood up for it, and checked the City, if you will.

23 Q Okay. Do you have any documents to support the notion that

they conspired, that the City and the Union, and the Union

25 Defendants conspired against you?

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#### 1 A No.

2 Q Okay. Just the mere statement that they say they don't

3 represent you, that is what you claim is malice. Is there --

4 anything else in that statement that made you believe it was

5 malice?

#### 6 A You faded out at the end.

 $7\,$  Q Do you have anything else that was made, any statement made

8 in that conversation, other than your statement that they

9 said they don't represent you, that you claim is evidence of

10 malice?

#### 11 A You're referring to the conversation with Ms. Day, right?

12 Q That's what you were referring to, right; you said that's the

13 fact, for you, of malice, when they said they don't represent

14 you, am I correct?

#### 15 A Yes.

16 Q Okay. Anything else that was said, then or at any other

17 time, that supports your claim that the Union and the Union

18 Defendants have acted with malice with regard to their

19 treatment of this matter?

#### 20 A No.

21 Q  $\,$  If you could turn to page 34 of your Complaint, and look at

22 Paragraphs 241 and, I mean, 251 and 252, and read those to

23 yourself.

#### 24 A Okay.

25 Q Now, I'm asking again on behalf of the Union and the Union

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1 A They have a working relationship. I don't have documents,

2 but again, the City can't do certain things without the Union

3 signing off or allowing it, or permitting it to happen, if

4 you will.

5 Q Do you have anyone who told you that the City and the Union,

6 and the Union Defendants are conspiring against you in your

7 claims?

#### 8 A No.

9 Q Now, you claim in all of your counts in this lawsuit, that

10 you have suffered a loss of seniority, loss of earnings, loss

11 of earning capacity, past and future lost earnings, the value

of fringe and pension benefits. Those are your losses.

13 Let me ask you this: You are asking the Court in this

14 case to, among other things, to give you, or restore you what

you believe are increased pension benefits, am I correct?

#### 16 A Among other things, yes.

17 Q Okay. So I mean, the theory being that if you prevail, that

18 you will have a pension as calculated based on the seniority

19 that is all years you were employed by the City, as well as

20 the years you were off, and based on any higher rank you

21 would have gotten; that's part of your claim, isn't it?

#### 22 A Yes.

23 Q Okay. You also claim you suffered mental and emotional

24 distress, embarrassment, humiliation, anxiety about future,

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1	seniority up to 25 years, before my 25th	1	MR. SANDERS: Objection,
2	anniversary.	2	mischaracterization of the witness' prior
	Q Okay. Ronald Foster, is he an officer of the	3	testimony.
4	Union?	4	MR. LEGGHIO: Well, then clear
-	A He was. He's retired now.	5	it up.
6 0	When did he tell you this?	6	BY MR. LEGGHIO:
7 /	A I don't know. Maybe 2013, '14, something like	7	Q Were you ever off work when you were not
8	that.	8	disabled?
9 (	Q Okay. What was his position with the Union?	9	MR. SANDERS: Objection, form,
10	A He was a seventh battalion director.	10	foundation.
11	Q That's not a Union position.	11	He's already answered that.
12	•	12	MR. LEGGHIO: I don't think he
l	Q I mean, was there a Union officer who made some	13	has. But go ahead, Mr. McGhee.
14	representations to you?	14	THE WITNESS: No.
	A I don't know what his position was. He worked	15	BY MR. LEGGHIO:
16	for the Union. This is what he told me.	16	Q Okay. So in paragraph 191 on page 23 of the
1	Q Okay. And he told you that you were	17	Complaint, I'm going to read it into the
18	entitled in 2013, 2014, you were already on	18	record:
l .			
19	disability, weren't you?	19	"Defendants' promises were clear,
I -	A That's correct.	20	definite, and unequivocal and were
1	Q And are you telling me that at that point he	21	specifically made to induce plaintiff
22	told you that and you were in California	22	to render the contemplated services
23	from my from the notes I've got.	23	and actions for the stated period for
24	He told you that you were going	24	defendants' benefit."
25	to entitled to come back to work with your	25	When you say "defendants
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1	seniority as it was as if you had never left?	1	promises," I want you to focus, for my
2 /		2	purposes, on the Union. Are you saying that
l .	Q Okay. Now, when you were off of work in 2014	3	the Union promised you clearly, definitely, and
4	and 2015, you were not relying on the Union to	4	unequivocally that you would return from Union
5	be off of work. You were off of work because	5	disability with the seniority intact at the
6	you were disabled; correct?	6	time as stated in 1992? Is that what you're
7	MR. SANDERS: Objection, form,	7	claiming?
8	foundation, mischaracterization of the witness'	_	
9			
	previous testimony.	9	by the contract I was hired under. That's what
10	You can answer.	10	the contract I was hired under said.
11	THE WITNESS: I was off because	11	Q You pled to the court that:
12	the department doctor placed me off.	12	"The defendants' promises promised
l	BY MR. LEGGHIO:	13	you that you were going to get the
1	Q Yeah, I understand that. I mean, I'm not	14	seniority that you were entitled to
15	quibbling with you, Mr. McGhee. I just want to	15	under the 1992 contract if you went
16	make sure we're clear.	16	on duty disability; that their
17	You're claiming that you took	17	promises were clear, definite, and
18	actions based on your reliance on certain	18	unequivocal."
19	things. But the fact of the matter is, you	19	Do you see that in
20	would agree, wouldn't you, that all the time	20	paragraph 191?
21	you were off, you were only off because you	21	A Yes.
22	were disabled; not because someone promised you	22	Q So you claim the Union told you clearly,
23	seniority when you returned or anything else.	23	definitely, and unequivocally that whatever
24	You were disabled, and you were	24	your seniority rights were under the 1992
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25	off because you couldn't do the work?	25	contract when you were signed, you would carry

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Page 92 Page 90 1 those with you forward for any time of duty 1 duty disability retirement since 2016? 2 disability while you were employed? 2 A Correct. 3 A A member of the Union, Ronald Foster, told me 3 Q Okay. Are you on J's currently? 4 that. 4 A Yes. 5 Q Okay. 5 O How long have you been on J's? 6 A But the paragraph, itself, states that. 6 A Since October 31st. 7 Q I'm sorry, what states that? 7 Q Of 2020? 8 A The contract that I was hired under in 1992. Yes. 8 Α 9 Q You're referring to the 1992 Collective 9 Q And what are you on J's for? 10 Bargaining Agreement? 10 A I've got a bad ankle. 11 A That's correct. Q So you have been off of work since October 11 12 Q Okay. Anything else? through June. That's eight months? 12 13 A Not that I can think of right now, sir. 13 A Yes. 14 Q Okay. Can you turn to page 26 of Exhibit 14 Q Okay. But you're not collecting duty Number 1, which is DFFA0027. 15 15 disability? 16 And when you get there, will you 16 A No. 17 read paragraph 202 to yourself? 17 Okay. Paragraph 202 of Exhibit 1 says that: 18 A (Witness reviewing document.) Yup, got it. "Defendants discriminated against 18 19 Q Now, just for chronology purposes, can I --19 plaintiff and harassed them by 20 MR. LEGGHIO: Megan, can I get 20 subjecting them to humiliation and 21 the witness' face on the screen here? discrimination to which other workers 21 22 BY MR. LEGGHIO: 22 were not subject, all because of 23 Q Just for chronology purposes, Mr. McGhee, when 23 their disability or former disabilities." 24 you came back to work in 2016 your seniority 24 25 was -- the demotion occurred in 2019; am I 25 So before we get to that, have Page 93 Page 91 1 you applied for duty disability retirement as a 1 result of your ankle injury? 2 A I thought it was '20. Might have been '19, 2 yeah. 3 A I have not. 3 4 Q 2020 -- no, it's 2019. 4 Q Tell me what facts you have that the Union discriminated against you and harassed you by 5 Now, what I want to understand 5 subjecting you to humiliation and 6 is since you returned to work in 2016 have you 6 discrimination to which other workers were not 7 ever been disabled? 7 8 MR. SANDERS: Objection to the 8 subject because you were disabled. 9 9 How has the Union harassed you? form, but you can answer. 10 THE WITNESS: I'm injured right 10 A By filing a grievance that got me demoted. Q Okay. So your term of the word "harassment" 11 11 now. 12 refers to the Union filing a grievance 12 BY MR. LEGGHIO: challenging how the City warranted seniority 13 Q I'm not talking about injuries. I'm talking 13 about disabilities. Are you disabled? for people that returned from duty disability? 14 14 15 MR. SANDERS: That's why I 15 A No, that's not what I said. They filed a objected to the form. That has a particular grievance that got me demoted. 16 16 Q Well, that's what I just said. You used the 17 legal connotation. I don't know if this 17 18 witness knows exactly what it is. 18 word "harassment." Is that what you claim is 19 BY MR. LEGGHIO: 19 harassment, that when the Union filed a 20 Q I'll flush it out for him. Since you returned 20 grievance that resulted in your demotion, that to work since 2016 have you gone on disability 21 21 was harassment? 22 duty retirement from the City of Detroit at any 22 MR. SANDERS: Objection, form, 23 23 time? foundation. 24 A No. 24 He answered the question. He's 25 25 Q You've gone on days, but you've not gone on answered that question.

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## CHRISTOPHER McGHEE, et al vs. CITY OF DETROIT, DFFA, et al Deposition of Orlando Potts

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	Correct.	1		notion?
Q	Do you have any facts to support the notion that the	2	Α	No facts.
	Union denied you an opportunity to, quote, "present your	3	Q	Count XIII, you ask for relief in Paragraph 254 of the
	side of the story?"	4		First Amended Complaint and, among other things, I want
Α	Repeat.	5		to make sure we're clear, that you ask the Court to give
Q	Do you have any facts to support the notion that the	6		you, restore the seniority that existed before you went
	Union prevented you from presenting, quote, "your side of	7		on duty disability, to award you 15 years of seniority
	the story?"	8		while you were on duty disability, and to increase your
Α	I did not have a hearing or a time to be heard, but no, I	9		pension benefits based on the new calculations of your
	have no facts.	10		seniority. That's one of the things you want from the
Q	In other words, the City didn't say to you, you can come	11		Court. Am I correct on that?
	on down and present your side of the story? You don't	12	Α	Yes.
	have facts to suggest that the Union said no, no, we're	13	Q	Now, I'm going to direct your attention —
	going to interfere with that. You're not going to be	14		MR. LEGGHIO: Mr. Sanders, we're going to
	able to do that? The Union didn't obstruct you in any	15		be working off of the second batch of exhibits, Volume 2,
	way in presenting your position, did they?	16		and in particular, I'm going to go to Exhibit 25.
Α	No.	17		MR. SANDERS: How much more time do you
	MR. SANDERS: Objection, form.	18		anticipate?
Q	(By Mr. Legghio) Turn to 0035, Mr. Potts. If you could	19		MR. LEGGHIO: I am going to be here for a
	focus your attention on Paragraph 251 and 252. Read	20		little bit. Do you want to break here?
	those to yourself and then when you finish, please let me	21		MR. SANDERS: Okay. I thought we were
	know.	22		near wrapping this up.
Α	Okay.	23		MR. LEGGHIO: We can break here for a half
Q	All right. In 251, you allege that the Union and its	24		hour, 40 minutes if you want?
	officers engaged in a civil conspiracy. Do you mean a	25		MR. SANDERS: All right. Why don't we do
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	conspiracy that involved just the Union or do you mean a	1		that.
	conspiracy between the Union, its officers and someone	2		MR. LEGGHIO: Okay. Return back at 12:30?
	with the City?	3		MR. SANDERS: That's fine.
Α	The Union and the City.	4		MR. LEGGHIO: Okay. Thank you.
Q	Okay, and what facts do you have to support the notion	5		(At 11:46 a.m., recess taken)
	that the Union and the City engaged in a civil conspiracy	6		MR. LEGGHIO: Okay.
	against you?	7		(At 12:32 p.m., back on the record)
Α	I don't have any facts.	8	Q	(By Mr. Legghio) I am going to start with page 0627.
Q	You say in Paragraph 252 that:	9		Mr. Potts, I just want to make sure that given your
	"The facts as delineated above reveal that	10		testimony today that I'm not misunderstanding anything,
	that there was a concerted action by the	11		so these are your responses to the Request for Admissions
	Defendants," the Union's I'm asking about, "to	12		that were filed with you and I'm going to take you
	accomplish a criminal or unlawful purpose or a	13		through a couple of them and I want you to first look on
	lawful purpose by criminal or unlawful means."	14		page 0627, number 2, and I am going to read it into the
	What facts do you have that the Union engaged in	15		record.
	concerted action to accomplish a criminal act?	16		"Potts did not file a grievance regarding
Α	I do not have any facts.	17		the matters alleged in the Complaint."
Q	Do you have any notion of what criminal act you're	18		Your response was:
	referring to in this paragraph of the Complaint?	19		"Neither admits nor deny at this time."
Α		20		Now, I want to make sure we're clear. You never filed a
Q	Do you have any facts to support the claim that the Union	21		grievance regarding any matter contained in your First
	engaged in concerted action for a lawful purpose by	22		Amended Complaint. Am I correct?
	criminal or unlawful means, that they were going to do	23	Α	Correct.
	something lawful, but they were going to do it in a	24	Q	Looking at Paragraph 3, the admission that's requested is
	something lawfal, but they were going to do it in a		~	
		side of the story?"  A Repeat.  Do you have any facts to support the notion that the Union prevented you from presenting, quote, "your side of the story?"  A I did not have a hearing or a time to be heard, but no, I have no facts.  G In other words, the City didn't say to you, you can come on down and present your side of the story? You don't have facts to suggest that the Union said no, no, we're going to interfere with that. You're not going to be able to do that? The Union didn't obstruct you in any way in presenting your position, did they?  A No.  MR. SANDERS: Objection, form.  G (By Mr. Legghio) Turn to 0035, Mr. Potts. If you could focus your attention on Paragraph 251 and 252. Read those to yourself and then when you finish, please let me know.  A Okay.  All right. In 251, you allege that the Union and its officers engaged in a civil conspiracy. Do you mean a conspiracy that involved just the Union or do you mean a conspiracy between the Union, its officers and someone with the City?  The Union and the City.  Okay, and what facts do you have to support the notion that the Union and the City engaged in a civil conspiracy against you?  I don't have any facts.  You say in Paragraph 252 that:  "The facts as delineated above reveal that that there was a concerted action by the Defendants," the Union's I'm asking about, "to accomplish a criminal or unlawful purpose or a lawful purpose by criminal or unlawful means."  What facts do you have that the Union engaged in concerted action to accomplish a criminal act?  I do not have any facts.  Do you have any facts to support the claim that the Union engaged in concerted action for a lawful purpose by	side of the story?"  A Repeat.  Do you have any facts to support the notion that the Union prevented you from presenting, quote, "your side of the story?"  A I did not have a hearing or a time to be heard, but no, I have no facts.  In other words, the City didn't say to you, you can come on down and present your side of the story? You don't have facts to suggest that the Union said no, no, we're going to interfere with that. You're not going to be able to do that? The Union didn't obstruct you in any way in presenting your position, did they?  A No.  MR. SANDERS: Objection, form.  (By Mr. Legghio) Turn to 0035, Mr. Potts. If you could focus your attention on Paragraph 251 and 252. Read those to yourself and then when you finish, please let me know.  A Okay.  A Il right. In 251, you allege that the Union and its officers engaged in a civil conspiracy. Do you mean a conspiracy between the Union, its officers and someone with the City?  A The Union and the City.  Okay, and what facts do you have to support the notion that the Union and the City engaged in a civil conspiracy against you?  A I don't have any facts.  O You say in Paragraph 252 that:  "The facts as delineated above reveal that that there was a concerted action by the Defendants," the Union's I'm asking about, "to accomplish a criminal or unlawful purpose or a lawful purpose by criminal or unlawful means."  What facts do you have that the Union engaged in concerted action to accomplish a criminal act?  A I do not have any facts.  Do you have any notion of what criminal act you're referring to in this paragraph of the Complaint?  A No, I don't.  Do you have any notion of what criminal act you're referring to in this paragraph of the Complaint?  A No, I don't.  Do you have any notion of what criminal act you're referring to in this paragraph of the Complaint?  A No, I don't.	side of the story?"  A Repeat.  Do you have any facts to support the notion that the Union prevented you from presenting, quote, "your side of the story?"  A I did not have a hearing or a time to be heard, but no, I have no facts.  Un other words, the City didn't say to you, you can come on down and present your side of the story? You don't have facts to suggest that the Union said no, no, we're going to interfere with that. You're not going to be able to do that? The Union didn't obstruct you in any way in presenting your position, did they?  A No.  MR. SANDERS: Objection, form.  Union of the story of the st

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